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A RESOLUTION to create a special joint committee to study the establishment of a community rating system for insurance.

WHEREAS, there has previously been introduced before this General Assembly legislation that provided for the establishment of a community rating system which requires insurers to charge insureds within a geographic market the same rate without considering actuarial risk for a particular group; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a community rating system would directly affect previously insureds who pay lower than average premiums in the market; and

WHEREAS, this issue is of vital concern to all Tennesseans, and should be carefully and extensively studied by the members of this General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That there is hereby created a special joint committee to study the feasibility of establishing a community rating system which requires insurers to charge insureds within a geographic market the same rate without considering actuarial risk for a particular group.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the special joint committee shall be composed of the following members:

Three (3) members of the Senate, to be appointed by the Speaker of the Senate;

Three (3) members of the House of Representatives, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House;

The Commissioner of Commerce and Insurance, or the commissioner's designee; and

Two (2) employees of the Department of Commerce and Insurance who are knowledgeable about this topic, to be appointed by the Commissioner of Commerce and Insurance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all appropriate agencies of state government shall provide assistance to the special joint committee, upon the request of the chair.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the special joint committee shall be convened by the member with the most years of continuous service in the General Assembly. At its first meeting, the special joint committee shall elect a chair, vice-chair and such other officers that the committee deems necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all legislative members of the special joint committee who are duly elected members of the 99th General Assembly shall remain members of such committee until the committee reports its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly and shall be paid as members of the General Assembly are paid for attending legislative meetings as provided in Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-1-106.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the special joint committee shall timely report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Ninety-Ninth General Assembly no later than January 1, 1996, at which time the committee shall cease to exist.